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McGill Farmhouse
Blythewood Farms

c. 1861

The McGill Farmhouse is a common house type for the mid-Atlantic region with its central entrance, symmetrical main facade, and ell rear wing. Cecil County tax records show a new house on the McGill property around 1861.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File
189**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

McGill House

AND/OR COMMON

Blythewood Farms

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1 mile west of Earleville on Crystal Beach Road

CITY, TOWN

Earleville

☒ VICINITY OF

1

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

David McQueen

Telephone #: 275-2425

STREET & NUMBER

Blythewood Farms

CITY, TOWN

Earleville

☒ VICINITY OF

MD.

STATE, zip code

21919

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of Circuit Court

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

21912

Liber #: WAS 74

Folio #: 163

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

—EXCELLENT
X GOOD
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED
 —RUINS
 —UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED
X ALTERED

CHECK ONE

X ORIGINAL SITE
 —MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**BLYTHEWOOD FARMS**

The main farmhouse on Blythewood farms circa 1860 is a two story five bay by one room center hall frame house on Crystal Beach Road and northwest of Earleville, Maryland. The house faces south-east with the main gable running on a northeast/southwest axis.

The two story five bay front block has a two story four bay by one room rear addition that extends to the northeast. The entire house has been stuccoed and rests on a partial fieldstone foundation. The roof has a medium pitch and is sheathed with composition tile.

The southeast (main) facade is typically symmetrical with a central entrance and flanking six-over-six sash with plain trim. A boxed cornice with applied molding stretches across above the second floor sash. The first floor is covered with a screened-in porch on the western two bays. The eastern three have been covered with a two bay hipped roof addition of fairly recent date.

The eastern side is four bays across with an entrance in the southern most bay. The sash is two-over-two with mid 19th Century shutters. (Two boards with batten.) A shed porch extends across the bays and is supported by turned posts. The ends are decorated with a saw-tooth vertical board. The cornice is the same as the front of the house. The east side of the main block does not have a full gable end. The roof of the ell wing continues to the southeast corner of the main block which gives the house a ell shape. A stove stack rises out of the south section of the ell addition. There is no visible stack in the gable end, espically since a two-over-two sash is located in the center of the first floor wall. A small four pane light illuminates the attic.

The inside walls of the ell are covered with shed roof addition on the first floor. Two two-over-two sash are found on the west side of the ell and two six-over-six sash light the second floor on the main block. The shed addition is also stuccoed and lighted by six-over-six sash.

The west end of the main block is covered with two story shed addition with six-over-six sash also. A wooden fire escape is found on the northern side of the shed roof addition. A brick stove stack does rise out of the main gable.

The interior has been fairly well remodeled in the 20th Century.

The only significant mid 19th Century barn building is a two story frame granary with vertical board sheathing. A central passage is flanked by single story ventilated corn bins. Recent additions extend from the west and north sides.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Blythewood farmhouse is a common house type for the Mid-Atlantic region with its central entrance and symmetrical facade. The form was extremely popular in the area for approximately 100 years. This house was owned in 1877 by a Joseph McGill according to the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas. Cecil County tax records show a new house on the McGill property around 1861 and assessed for \$800.00. This is undoubtedly the present structure. The farmhouse has been extensively remodeled and stuccoed and therefore has lost most of its 19th Century architectural appeal and importance.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

11/13/79

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-7568

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21912

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ELK

PEARCE

CRYSTAL NECK

BEACH

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VEAZE

Thackery Pt

Rogues Harbor

Stony Pt

Greenbush Pt

Jacobs Nose

Arnold Pt Light

Ford Landing

Cabin John Creek

Crystal Beach

Pearce

Creek

Spoil Basin

Pileo

West View Shores

POND

otha Pt



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Southern ELEVATION

NR

~~COMMON~~ EARLEVILLE, MD.

P131

6/75

Dev. By

Richard E. P. P.

9/12/79



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N^R EARLEVILLE, MD.

LAST ELEVATION

PBT 6/79

DEV. By
Elizabeth E. Booth

9/17/79





McGILL - CARPENTER House

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WEST ELEVATION

NR

EARLEVILLE, MD.

PBT

4/79

DEV. BY
Elizabeth E. Booth

9/17/79



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MEGILL CARPENTER HOUSE
EAST ELEVATION OF GRANARY

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NK

EARLEVILLE, MD.

6/79

PBT

Charlotte L. Brown

9/17/79